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## Boozman Bulletin: National Security Must Be Our Top Priority

The Islamic State (ISIS) and other radical Islamic terrorists have repeatedly called on supporters to kill Americans here at home and abroad. As we witnessed with the horrific attack in Orlando, there are those within our borders willing to heed this group's call to attack our freedoms. As a country we need to do whatever it takes to destroy ISIS using whatever means possible to protect our citizens.

The Obama Administration clearly is not doing enough. [I recently spoke on the Senate floor and laid out the ways in which President Obama's foreign policy has put Americans at risk at home.](#)



We are a nation at war. We must dedicate the necessary resources to this fight and ensure that we act to defeat ISIS and other radical Islamic terror groups who seek to destroy America. [That's why Senate passage of the \*National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)\* is so critical to our national security.](#) It shows our bipartisan commitment to ensuring that the men and women of our military are provided with the support they need to combat terrorists and other adversaries overseas, which will keep Americans safer here at home.

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**Quick Takes on Top National Security Threats:**

- **ISIS:** President Obama once dubbed this brutal terrorist organization the “jayvee team.” ISIS has become [a clear and serious threat during his watch, largely because he has failed to present and carry out a strategy to defeat it](#). That is just one of the many failures of the President’s foreign policy which is rooted in wishful thinking, rather than grounded in reality. [We need a serious strategy to defeat ISIS and other adversaries overseas](#), in order to protect Americans both here and abroad.
- **Iran:** According to a recent interview with one of the President’s top national security advisors, the White House [misled the American public to sell the Iran nuclear deal](#). President Obama’s weak Iran nuclear deal threatens our national security. It signaled to Russia that it’s acceptable to [sell weapons to Iran](#), so it’s fulfilling an arms deal with weapons capable of targeting our defenses. Based on its past actions, I’m convinced that we cannot depend on Iran to live up to its end of the nuclear deal. It must be abandoned and sanctions must be restored.
- **Gitmo:** The Obama Administration now believes that 12 former detainees who have been released from the detention center at Guantanamo Bay (Gitmo) are responsible for the death of six Americans in Afghanistan. This is a troublesome fact that cannot be ignored. According to a recent article by the *Washington Post*, [a senior Pentagon official spoke to lawmakers and acknowledged that former Gitmo inmates were in fact responsible for the deaths of the Americans](#). This is a clear indication that removing prisoners from Gitmo threatens our national security.
- **Orlando Attack:** I spoke with Jonathan Reeves during Jonesboro’s KASU morning show recently. A large portion of our conversation focuses on the attack in Orlando, efforts to combat ISIS and the NDAA. If you missed the interview, [you can listen to it in its entirety here](#).
- **TSA:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) [needs to address the vulnerability of airport security and potential risks of insider threats according to a new Government Accountability Office \(GAO\) report](#). The report recommends that TSA update its operational assessment “to reflect changes in the airport security risk environment, such as TSA’s subsequent determination of risk from the insider threat—the potential of rogue aviation workers exploiting their credentials, access, and knowledge of security procedures throughout the airport for personal gain or to inflict damage.” In April, I joined my colleagues in the Senate to improve airport security [by passing a comprehensive Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\) reauthorization bill that strengthens air traveler security](#).
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